

FOI 3584

13th February 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

For the 12-month period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, we would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Part One - The number of homecare / domiciliary care needs assessments completed, broken down by month.
and

Part Two - For those assessments completed in each month, the number and percentage of individuals who were assessed as eligible for a homecare package, and the number and percentage who were assessed as not eligible.

Response:

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Assessments completed	91	98	81	62	26	61	64	37	57	47	45	45
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	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Eligible	87	97	81	62	26	60	64	37	57	47	45	45
	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Not Eligible	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Part Three - Of those individuals assessed as eligible in each month, the number and percentage whose cases were referred to brokerage for the sourcing of a homecare package.

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Brokerage for Sourcing												

The Trust position is that all those who are deemed eligible for Home Care are processed through our Care Bureau (Brokerage system), to source a package of care.

Part Four - To support consistency of interpretation, we would also appreciate confirmation of the Trust’s operational definitions of:

- “Homecare needs assessment”
- “Eligible for a homecare package”
- “Brokerage referral”

Response:

A “Homecare needs assessment” in the Trust typically takes the form of completing a Northern Ireland Single Assessment Tool (NISAT), taking account of the range of professional assessments, which may be available to support identification of any individual’s areas of difficulties carrying out their activities of daily living.

Those who are deemed “Eligible for a homecare package”, will have been assessed and their individual circumstances considered against the eligibility criteria for access to Home Care.

The term “Brokerage referral”, describes the process that takes place when an individual is deemed to have an eligible need for home care that the Trust are attempting to support whether this is through a service delivered by the Trust directly through a commissioned service from one of the Trust’s Independent Sector Partners. This process is administrated through our Trust Care Bureau.

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